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SUBJECT: ILO-SELECTION OF AMERICAN DDG

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION - ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD REITERATED TO MISOFF HIS DESIRE TO APPOINT A HIGHLY QUALIFIED AMERICAN AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL. WHEN ABBAS AMMAR RETIRES MAY 31, BLANCHARD WILL BE WITHOUT ANY DDG AND WILL HAVE THREE VACANCIES TO FILL. DESPITE THE URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM HE IS PRPARED TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING THE BEST POSSIBLE US CANDIDATES.

2. ON THAT POINT HE REPEATED HIS DESIRE TO HAVE AT LEAST THREE US CANDIDATES TO CHOOSE FROM. BLANCHARD CONCEIVES OF THE AMERICAN DDG POSITION AS VIRTUALLY THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER OF THE SECRETARIAT, REQUIRING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL HAVE HIS COMPLETE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE. THEREFORE HE WANTS TO HAVE A CHOICE OF SOMEONE WITH WHOM HE WILL BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH A CLOSE PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP.

3. IN ADDITION, BLANCHARD EMPHASIZED THAT HIS POLICY AT THE ILO IS TO MAKE NO MAJOR APPOINTMENTS BASED ON THE PRESENTATION BY A MEMBER STATE OF ONLY ONE CANDIDATE. HE
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CITED A RECENT CONTROVERSY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

OVER AN APPOINTMENT TO A SENIOR POST. ONE CANDIDATE WAS
REPEATEDLY PROPOSED FOR THE POST AND THREE TIMES BLANCHARD
INFORMED THE GOC THAT THE PRESENTATION OF ONLY ONE CANDIDATE
WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THAT SITUATION REMAINS UNRESOLVED. HE
INSISTS THAT HIS POLICY OF REFUSING APPOINTMENTS BASED ON
ONLY ONE CANDIDATE WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ILO.
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